

Administrative Calendar

2012 Statewide Election

Presidential Preference Primary Election - March 13, 2012 Alabama Statewide Primary Election - March 13, 2012 Primary Runoff Election - April 24, 2012 General Election - November 6, 2012	
Activity	Date
Candidates intending to participate in the 2012 state primary election may begin accepting, soliciting and receiving contributions [17-5-7(b)(2)]	Sunday, March 13, 2011
Candidates intending to participate in the 2012 general election, but not in the primary election, may begin soliciting and accepting contributions [17-5-7(b)(2)]	Sunday, November 6, 2011
Petitions in support of candidacy shall be filed with the state party chair of appropriate political party by this date [17-13-102] 90 days prior to the Presidential Preference Primary	Wednesday, December 14, 2011
State Holiday	Monday, December 26, 2011
Deadline for Circuit Clerk to confirm the addresses of military and other UOCAVA voters [17-11-5(d)]	Friday, December 30, 2011
State Holiday	Monday, January 2, 2012
Probate Judge must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals not later than 60 days before any state election. [21-4-23(b)]	Friday, January 13, 2012
Candidates seeking nomination by a party primary must file declaration of candidacy with state party chairman (if seeking federal, state, circuit, district, or legislative office) or county party chairman (if seeking county office) no later than this day by 5:00 PM [17-13-5(a)] 60 days before the election	Friday, January 13, 2012
Political parties authorized to hold a primary shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State a resolution stating that intention [17-13-105] & [17-13-42] not less than 60 days before the Presidential Preference Primary	Friday, January 13, 2012
Last day political parties can decline to accept and come under primary election law [17-13-42] at least 60 days prior to the election	Friday, January 13, 2012
Last day candidates may withdraw their name from the ballot [17-13-104] 60 days before the primary	Friday, January 13, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, January 16, 2012
State chairman must certify names of primary election candidates, except for candidates for county offices to Secretary of State no later than this day by 5:00 PM [17-13-5(b)] 55 days prior to the primary	Wednesday, January 18, 2012
County party chairman must certify names of primary candidates for county office to probate judge no later than this day by 5:00 PM [17-13-5 (b)] 55 days before the primary	Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Secretary of state must certify names of opposed candidates for federal and state offices to probate judge no later than this day [17-13-5 (b)] not less than 50 prior to the primary	Monday, January 23, 2012
Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates for Presidential Preference Primary to probate judge no later than this day [17-13-5] not less than 50 days prior to the date of the primary	Monday, January 23, 2012
Last day for candidates in Presidential Preference Primary to present a list of desired election officials to their county executive committee [17-13-48] at least 45 days before the election	Friday, January 27, 2012
Certified or registered mail deadline for the annual report [17-5-10 (b)]	Saturday, January 28, 2012
Last day for candidates to present a list of desired election officers to their county executive committee [17-13-48] at least 45 days before the election	Monday, January 30, 2012
Probate judge must furnish list of qualified voters to absentee election manager [17-11-5 (b)] 45 days before the election.	Monday, January 30, 2012
Deadline for candidates and political committees to file annual report [17-5-8 (b)]	Tuesday, January 31, 2012
Absentee ballots and supplies must be delivered to absentee election manager no later than his day [17-11-12] not less than 40 days.	Thursday, February 2, 2012
First day of regular session for Alabama legislature	Tuesday, February 7, 2012
No later than this day, the Probate Judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on [17-9-5] at least 30 days before each election	Sunday, February 12, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, February 20, 2012
Mardi Gras - Observed in Baldwin and Mobile County	Tuesday, February 21, 2012
First day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers [17-8-1(a)] not more than 20 nor less than 15 days.	Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Probate judge must publish no later than this day an alphabetical list of qualified electors by precinct, district or subdivision in a newspaper of general circulation in county [17-4-1] on or before the 20th day prior to the election.	Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Deadline for persons who do not wish to accept nomination in a primary is 20 days before the date of the election [17-6-21(b)]	Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Probate Judge must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals not later than 60 days before any state election. [21-4-23(b)] for statewide primary runoff election	Friday, February 24, 2012
Last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers [17-8-1(a)] not more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election	Monday, February 27, 2012
Judge of Probate must notify inspectors, returning officers, and clerks of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper [17-8-2]	Monday, February 27, 2012

Last day to register to vote for the primary election [17-3-50(a)] 11th day before the election	Friday, March 2, 2012
Probate judge must publish a supplemental list of qualified electors by precinct, district or subdivision in a newspaper of general circulation in county [17-4-1] on or before the 7th day before the election.	Tuesday, March 6, 2012
Last day to make application for absentee ballot for primary election [17-11-3(a)] 5 days prior to the election	Thursday, March 8, 2012
If delivered by hand, absentee ballot must be returned to the absentee election manager no later than the close of the next business day preceeding the election [17-9-51; 17-11-18]	Monday, March 12, 2012
Last day to postmark absentee ballot being returned by mail to the absentee election manager [17-9-51; 17-11-18]	Monday, March 12, 2012
Primary Election	Tuesday, March 13, 2012
No later than noon, the medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager [17-9-51; 17-11-18]	Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff [17-13-12]	Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Last day to file petitions with probate judge for county offices and with secretary of state for other offices to obtain ballot access as an independent candidate [17-9-3] no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the primary election	Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Last day to file petitions with the secretary of state for minor/third parties to gain ballot access as a political party no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the primary election. [17-6-22(a)(1)]	Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary election [17-13-14(a)] by 10:00 A.M. on the Wednesday following the election	Wednesday, March 14, 2012
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars [17-10-2(d)] by noon on the day following the election	Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Last day candidates who would be eligible to be placed on primary run-off ballot can decline to have his/her name placed on ballot [17-13-19] not more than 3 days after holding the first primary	Friday, March 17, 2012
County executive committee must meet no later than noon and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results [17-13-17] Tuesday following the primary	Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Absentee ballots and supplies for primary run-off must be delivered to absentee election manager [17-11-12] 7 days after the primary	Tuesday, March 20, 2012
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon [17-10-2(e)] 7 days after the election	Tuesday, March 20, 2012
At noon, the canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party [17-10-2(f)] 7 days after the election	Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Not later than noon this day, chairman of county executive committee must certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precinct of results of primary [17-13-17] 8 days after the election.	Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Chairman of state executive committee must meet not later than noon this day to certify to secretary of state and chairman of county executive committee must certify to probate judge names of candidates to be placed on primary run-off ballot [17-13-17] 10 days after the primary	Friday, March 23, 2012
State executive committee must meet at state capitol and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide secretary of state with state primary election returns by precinct [17-13-17] not later than noon, 10 days following the primary	Friday, March 23, 2012
No later than this day, the Probate Judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on [17-9-5] at least 30 days before each election	Sunday, March 25, 2012
Secretary of state must certify names of candidates to be placed on primary run-off ballot to probate judge not later than 6 days after political parties certify the names to the secretary of state [17-13-18]	Thursday, March 29, 2012
Governor, secretary of state, and attorney general must canvass election returns required by law to be sent to secretary of state after the election [17-12-17] within 22 days of the election	Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Last day to register to vote for the primary runoff election [17-3-50]	Friday, April 13, 2012
Last day to make application for absentee ballot for the primary runoff election [17-11-3(a)] 5 days before the election	Thursday, April 19, 2012
Last day to postmark an absentee ballot being returned by mail to the absentee election manager [17-9-51;17-11-18] the day prior to the election	Monday, April 23, 2012
If delivered by hand, absentee ballot must be returned to the absentee election manager no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the election [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Monday, April 23, 2012
Primary Runoff Election	Tuesday, April 24, 2012
The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the Sheriff [17-13-12]	Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the primary runoff to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the Absentee Election Manager [17-9-51;17-11-18]	Tuesday, April 24, 2012
No later than noon, the medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee elections manager [17-9-51;17-11-18]	Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary runoff election by 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the primary runoff [17-13-14(a)]	Wednesday, April 25, 2012
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars [17-10-2] by noon on the day following the election.	Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Last day for Absentee Election Manager to receive a ballot cast by military or other UOCAVA voters and returned by mail for the primary runoff election [17-9-51;17-11-18]	Tuesday, May 1, 2012

The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon [17-10-2(e)] 7 days after the election	Tuesday, May 1, 2012
At noon, the canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party [17-10-2(f)] Tuesday, 7 days after the election.	Tuesday, May 1, 2012
Last day for county executive committee to meet and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results of primary runoff election [17-13-18(d)] not later than second Friday following second primary	Friday, May 4, 2012
Last day for chairman of county executive committee to meet and certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precincts of results of primary run-off [17-13-18(d)] not later than noon, second Monday following runoff	Monday, May 7, 2012
Chairman of state executive committee must certify names of those who have been nominated in first or second primary election as candidates of his/her party for state offices to secretary of state. Chairman of county executive committee must certify names of those who have been nominated in first or second primary election as candidates of his/her party for county offices to probate judge [17-13-18(d)] not later than noon, third Wednesday following runoff	Wednesday, May 9, 2012
State executive committee must meet at state capitol and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide secretary of state with state primary run-off election returns by precinct [17-13-18(e)] on third Wednesday following second primary	Wednesday, May 9, 2012
State Executive Committee certifies to the Secretary of State the names of those who have been nominated in the first or second primary election and the names of persons so certified shall be placed on the official ballot of the general election as candidates of the party for the offices for which they, respectively have been so nominated. [17-13-18 (d)] not later than noon on the third Wednesday following the second primary election.	Wednesday, May 9, 2012
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary election with probate judge [17-11-5(c)] Sixty days after the election	Monday, May 14, 2012
Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General must canvass election returns required by law to be sent to secretary of state after the election [17-12-17] within 22 days after the election	Wednesday, May 16, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, May 28, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, June 4, 2012
Secretary of State must certify to probate judge a separate list of nominees for each party for office and for each candidate for office who has requested to be an independent candidate and has filed a written petition in accordance with Section [17-9-3(b)] & [17-13-22] not later than 45 days after the second primary	Friday, June 8, 2012

Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary run-off election with probate judge [17-11-5(c)] 60 days after the election	Monday, June 25, 2012
State Holiday	Wednesday, July 4, 2012
Last day candidates in primary election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt [17-5-7(b)(3)] 120 days after the election	Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Last day candidates in primary runoff election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt [17-5-7(b)(2)] 120 days after the election	Wednesday, August 22, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, September 3, 2012
Last day for certificate of nomination by a political party convention and petitions for independent candidacy for President and Vice President to be filed with the Secretary of State [17-14-31(b)]	Thursday, September 6, 2012
Probate Judge must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals not later than 60 days before any state election. [21-4-23(b)]	Friday, September 7, 2012
Last day for probate judge to furnish list of qualified voters to absentee election manager [17-11-5(b)] 45 days before the election	Saturday, September 22, 2012
Last day a person can withdraw his/her name from ballot [17-6-21(b)] 45 days before the date of the election	Monday, September 24, 2012
Last day for absentee ballots and supplies to be delivered to absentee election manager [17-11-12] not less than 40 days	Thursday, September 27, 2012
Last day for judge of probate to give notice of general election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on [17-9-5] 30 days, at least, before each election	Sunday, October 7, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, October 8, 2012
First day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers [17-8-1(a)] not more than 20 nor less than 15 days.	Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers [17-8-1]; Judge of Probate must notify inspectors and returning officers of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper [17-8-2] not more than 20, nor less than 15 days	Monday, October 22, 2012
Last day to register to vote for general election [17-3-50(a)]	Friday, October 26, 2012
Last day for authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers. Judge of probate must notify these election officials of time and place of instruction school and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place [17-8-9(a)] not less than 5 days before an election	Thursday, November 1, 2012
Last day to make application for absentee ballot for the general election [17-11-3(a)] not less than 5 days before the election.	Thursday, November 1, 2012
Last day probate judge can deliver election supplies to sheriff [17-13-9] not less than 3 days before the election	Saturday, November 3, 2012

Last day to postmark an absentee ballot being returned by mail to the absentee election manager [17-9-51] the date prior to the day the election	Monday, November 5, 2012
If delivered by hand, absentee ballot for the general election must be returned to the absentee election manager no later than the close of the last business day next preceeding the election. [17-9-51;17-11-18]	Monday, November 5, 2012
General Election	Tuesday, November 6, 2012
No later than noon, the medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager [17-9-51;17-11-18]	Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Inspectors or returning officer must deliver ballots and returns to sheriff [17-12-8]	Tuesday, November 6, 2012
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars [17-10-2(d)] Noon on the day following the election	Wednesday, November 7, 2012
State Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2012
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon [17-10-2(e)] 7 days after the election	Tuesday, November 13, 2012
At noon, the canvassing board for poll workers shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party [17-10-2(f)] 7 days after the election	Tuesday, November 13, 2012
The absentee election manager must report, for the general election, the number of military and overseas ballots mailed out and the number of ballots received to the Secretary of State [17-11-5(d)] within 7 days after the election	Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Returning officer, probate judge, and circuit clerk must canvass returns from county [17-12-15] Board of supervisors must make in writing a public declaration of results Noon, second Friday after the election	Friday, November 16, 2012
In all elections for representatives in Congress, canvassing board of each county must within 5 days after making statement of county vote by precincts, return the result of the same to the Secretary of State. [17-14-72]	Wednesday, November 21, 2012
State Holiday	Thursday, November 22, 2012
Last day for Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General to canvass election returns required by law to be sent to secretary of state [17-12-17] Within 22 days after the election	Wednesday, November 28, 2012
Secretary of State must furnish certificates of election to members of the legislature and members of Congress [17-12-21] within 10 days of receiving returns from the judge of probate of each county	Friday, November 30, 2012

Presidential Electors of the Electoral College meet in their state capitals and cast their votes for President and Vice President on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December. [3 USC 7]	Monday, December 17, 2012
State Holiday	Tuesday, December 25, 2012
State Holiday	Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from the general election with probate judge [17-11-5(c)] 60 days after the election	Monday, January 7, 2013
Inauguration Day for President and Vice President at noon on the 20th day of January [Constitution of the United States, Amendment XX, Sec. 1]	Sunday, January 20, 2013
Inauguration Day for certain non-federal offices on the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January after the election.	Monday, January 21, 2013
State Holiday	Monday, January 21, 2013
Certified or registered mail deadline for Annual Report [17-5-10(b)]	Tuesday, January 29, 2013
2013 Annual Report due January 31 next after general election [17-5-8]	Thursday, January 31, 2013
Last day for secretary of state to report information on the number of military and overseas ballots mailed out and the number of ballots received to the Federal Election Assistance Commission [17-11-5(d)] within 90 days of each regularly scheduled general election for federal office	Monday, February 4, 2013
Last day candidates in general election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt [17-5-7(b)(2)] 120 days after the general election	Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Sheriff can destroy ballots 22 months after general election unless there is notification that election has been contested (42 USC 1974-1974e)	Monday, September 8, 2014